

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

In accordance with the foregoing, no claims have been amended. Claims 1 – 8 are pending and under consideration.

No new matter is being presented, and approval of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

REASONS FOR ENTRY

Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Response, since no claim amendments are presented herein. Therefore, no further search is necessary. Further, Yeung et al. is newly-cited in the final Action, and Applicants should have an opportunity to present patentability arguments in light thereof.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

In the Office Action, at page 3, claims 1 – 3, 7, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by Brown et al. (U.S. Patent 6,073,137) (hereinafter "Brown") in view of Yeung et al. (U.S. 2003/0093556) (hereinafter "Yeung"). The rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

On page 3 of the Action, the Examiner notes that Brown does not disclose a file system that reads documents by use of a scanner and files the documents on the basis of the obtained information, as recited in independent claim 1, for example. Thus, Yeung is cited as disclosing this feature.

However, as argued by Applicants in the previous Amendment, filed May 24, 2006, it is not only the file system that Brown fails to disclose, but Brown also fails to teach or suggest creating the same folder configuration in a file system, as recited in independent claim 1, for example.

Instead, Brown discloses a method for updating and displaying that is carried out between an e-mail client 37 and a remote mail server 49. (See Brown, 6: 25-32). Further, Brown discloses the local version of the folder configuration is created in "Microsoft Outlook," which provides a system of organizing messages. (See Brown, 5:1-9).

In contrast, amended independent claims 1, 7, and 8 recite creating *the same folder configuration* in a file system that reads documents by use of a scanner and files the documents

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